

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Native Village of Kotzebue****Project Title:****Native Village of Kotzebue - Multi-Use Facility**

State Funding Requested: \$ 250,000
One-Time Need

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Brief Project Description:

Money would be used to build a new multi-use facility in Kotzebue. The building would include capacity for the tribal offices, preschool and early childhood education classrooms, and a community gathering space.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$4,500,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Federal Funds			\$250,000			
Denali Commission			\$350,000			
Local Funds	\$127,000	2007				
Other	\$373,125	2007	\$400,000			
Total	\$500,125		\$1,000,000			

Explanation of Other Funds:

\$323,125.00 has been secured from the Alaska Native Education Program and \$50,000 from private donations. Requests for additional funding have been made to the Northwest Arctic Borough (\$150,000), NANA(\$150,000), and Tech Cominco (\$100,000).

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The money will be utilized to build a new multi-use facility in Kotzebue. The building will combine the Native Village of Kotzebue's tribal offices, the Nikaitchuat Ilisagviat Inupiat Language Immersion School, and a qatigii or community gathering place. As in most rural areas, building space for community use is limited in Kotzebue. The community has outgrown the current facilities. The tribal office is currently leased in a complex that is 45 years old. The existing office space is inefficient and costs to upgrade are prohibitive. The tribe brings in over \$2.2 million in federal monies each year and provides a growing number of service needs to the community. Currently, the tribe is working with the Office of Children Services and the court system to provide intervention services, child care and parenting training so that children can remain in their homes. The tribe is also working with the court system to provide intervention services through a tribal youth court keeping youth out of the juvenile justice system. Both of these programs save the state money by keeping children and youth out of the state systems and also hopefully have better end results. The new office space will allow them to continue to expand these type of services as well as others because the current space is inadequate in size and space needs. The Immersion School is in its tenth year. The space is inefficient and can not be divided. The school wants to double and expand up to grade 5. The curriculum meets all Alaska State Standards while meeting cultural values. The multi-purpose room will be used for local meetings and events in the traditional Inupiaq style. The new facility would provide much needed space for the activities detailed above while combining uses in the most economic manner.

Project Timeline:

Grant monies would be spent over the course of the fiscal year.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Native Village of Kotzebue

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Project Fund Request Form

Name of Project: New Multi-Use Facility

Where is the project located: Kotzebue, Alaska

Which appropriation bill (if known)? Capital Projects

Amount of State funding requested: \$250,000

Total amount of funding needed for the project? \$4,500,000

Number of years to fund this project: 2

Source and amount of any matching funds received (State, local, private or other): \$500,000 to date

\$323,125 from Alaska Native Education Program for paid Architecture & Engineering plans.

\$127,000 : Land value . In-kind building site lease with the City of Kotzebue (long term).

\$50,000: Parent payments and private donations

Other requests for funds: \$1,000,000

\$150,000 Northwest Arctic Borough

\$150,000: NANA Regional Corporation

\$100,000: Tech Cominco, Inc. /Red Dog Mine

\$250,000 Appropriation request from Senator Lisa Murkowski in Washington D.C.

\$350,000: Denali Commission and other Foundations

Is it in the Governors budget for FY 2008 - 09? NO

Project Description:

This is a multi-use building that will house three important facets for our community:

1. Tribal Offices 2. Pre-school, ECE & classrooms 3. Community Gathering space.

We all have outgrown our minimal space. Our offices are cramped and crowded, our one open classroom cannot be divided and our community yearns for available meeting space that exemplifies the Inupiaq culture and community values.

1. The Tribal Office is currently leased in a 45-year old complex and we have no room to grow or even expand into. The existing office is inefficient, old, and costs us to modernize, upgrade and/or retain heat. We bring in approximately \$2.2 million annually via federal government contracts into our community. Unfortunately, that steady source does not provide new construction dollars needed.

2. Nikaitchuat Ilisagvait Immersion School was founded in 1998 and this is our tenth year! We are in an old one classroom building generously donated by our Regional Corporation. Nikaitchuat Ilisagvait Inupiaq Language Immersion School teaches children from preschool (2 year olds) through Grade 3. We want to double our numbers to expand up to grade 5. The curriculum was thoughtfully designed to meet all Alaska State Standards while simultaneously meeting the age-old knowledge of the Inupiaq Language in culturally appropriate methods of teaching respect established by our Elders.

3. The multi-purpose room will be used by the community as a meeting place and as a qatigii (training & activity place). We anticipate that a variety of local meetings and events will take place there. It can also be used as a third educational space if school or daycare expansion is needed or as an emergency location for unforeseen area evacuations.

Sustainability:

The Tribe will continue to provide a majority of the maintenance costs for the building and a nearby public playground. We will provide internal facility maintenance and operations costs with our annual OSG/AFA agreement to maximize our own contribution to help maintain this multi-use building.

Total Building Cost: (10,400 sf): \$ 4,500,000

Cost for school & community room portion: 4,472 sf: \$ 1,935,000

We are considering seeking private loan options for the balance needed.

We would like to be notified via email of other state funding opportunities related to this request.

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